

November 1, 2004

Ref: 2234-21384

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
Cris I Zone, Reservoirs G, H, I & J
BAYOU BILOXI FIELD
St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: The Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **The Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cris I Zone, Reservoirs G, H, I & J, in the Bayou Biloxi Field, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create four (4) single drilling and production units of approximately 367 acres each for the Cris I Zone, Reservoirs G, H, I & J, designated as the CRIS I RG SUA, CRIS I RH SUA, CHIS I RI SUA and CRIS I RJ SUA, Bayou Biloxi Field, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said unit;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To designate a unit operator and unit wells for the CRIS I RG SUA, CRIS I RH SUA and CRIS I RI SUA created herein;
5. To permit applicant to drill, designate and utilize The Meridian Resource & Exploration, L.L.C.-BML 7 No. 3 Well as an alternate unit well for the CRIS I RG SUA, such well to be at the location shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof;
6. To grant a single unit allowable for the CRIS I RG SUA and to permit the operator of the unit to produce said unit allowables from the proposed unit well, the proposed alternate unit well, or from either of the wells in the unit, at its option;

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7. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoirs as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.
8. Force Pooling is not necessary for the acreage contained within the VUA because these reservoirs are contained entirely within the voluntary unit.

The Cris I Zone, Reservoir A in the Bayou Biloxi Field was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 960-A, effective December 11, 2001.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties known to the applicant after a reasonable search were notified in writing in the pre-application notice dated October 21, 2004 that a conference to discuss the proposed application was tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 10, 2004. It was stated at that time that this conference would be held only if a request to confer were received by the undersigned within ten (10) calendar days after the date of the pre-application notice. No requests to confer were received either in writing or by telephone and, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the tentatively scheduled conference **WILL NOT BE HELD**.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the CRIS I RG SUA, CRIS I RH SUA, CRIS I RI SUA & CRIS I RJ SUA, Bayou Biloxi Field, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

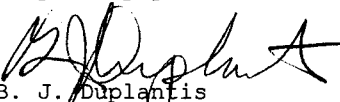
A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this hearing application. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. James Hardwick of Cutright & Hardwick, 1101 Hugh Wallis Road, Suite 101, Lafayette, Louisiana, 70508 (337) 232-7756.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,


B. J. Duplantis

BJD/ht
Attachments
cc: Mr. Richard Hudson
District Manager
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and
Interested Parties

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R 17 E

T 12 S
T 13 S

Southwest

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VUA

Biloxi Marsh Lands Inc.

CRIS I RI SUA
BILOXI MARSH LANDS 5 No. 1
± 367 ACRES

Brick Lagoon

SL 17978

SL 17772

Humble
Biloxi Marsh Lands

CRIS I RJ SUA
(UNDRILLED)
± 367 ACRES

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CRIS I RH SUA
BILOXI MARSH LANDS 8 No. 1
± 367 ACRES

CRIS I RG SUA
BILOXI MARSH LANDS 7 No. 2
BILOXI MARSH LANDS 7 No. 3 ALT
± 367 ACRES

Equitable Pet.
Biloxi Marsh LandsHumble
Biloxi Marsh Lands

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EXHIBIT NO.
DOCKET NO.

DATE:

THE MERIDIAN RESOURCE &
EXPLORATION L.L.C.BAYOU BILOXI FIELD
ST. BERNARD PARISH, LOUISIANAPROPOSED UNITS
CRIS I ZONE

0 2000' 4000'

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- Voluntary Unit A
- - - Proposed Unit Boundary
- Proposed Unit Well
- ⬡ Proposed Alternate Unit Well

NOTE: ALL BOUNDARIES ARE GEOGRAPHIC